City of Lansing MS4 NPDES Application

Response to Application Question #1

As indicated in the response contained in the following sections of this application, the City of Lansing's codified ordinances contain many provisions that require compliance with MS4 Program goals and requirements, including:

- Soil erosion ordinances to achieve MS4 Program requirements for the Construction Stormwater Runoff Control Program;
- Storm sewer discharge prohibitions in ordinance to achieve MS4 Program requirements for the Illicit Discharge Elimination Program; and
- Zoning Code to achieve MS4 Program requirements for Post-Construction Stormwater Runoff Program.

Each of these ordinances contains language that allows the City of Lansing to enforce correction or elimination of the violation. Copies of some of these ordinances are provided in the subsequent application attachments.

Since the City of Lansing Department of Public Service places the utmost importance on MS4 Program compliance, we accordingly place the highest priority on the enforcement and correction of violations that impact stormwater quality. Where necessary, the City of Lansing Department of Public Service will enlist the aid of the Office of the City Attorney in order to compel compliance.

In the past, the Department of Public Service, Engineering Division has taken the lead relative to compliance and enforcement of violations. Typically, a "hard-copy" file is retained, while the enforcement action is pursued to resolution and ultimate compliance. In order to better track instances of non-compliance, the Department of Public Service, Engineering Division is creating and implementing a spreadsheet on a shared server that will provide electronic tracking of:

- Violation type;
- Location of violation;
- Date violation occurred:
- Responsible party (property owner or other);
- Enforcement action taken by the City, including dates of official correspondence issued; and
- Date compliance was achieved.

The Department of Public Service, Engineering Division will also continue to maintain a hard-copy file for the associated enforcement action.